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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The reference listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, a copy of which is attached, was cited in an International Search Report in a corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's review. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references and acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that these references indeed constitute prior art.

This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. In the event it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0384 (Order No INT1P019).

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